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(CORNER OF FLOWER STREET).

Tel. No. 1362.

Hongkong, December 8, 1914.

SCOTTISH CASTLE FIRE.

Three Members of House Party Burned
to Death.

By a disastrous fire which occurred
early on Sunday morning, (Dec. 19) Hor-
bertshire Castle, an old feudal mansion
at Denny, Stirlingshire, and one of the
finest furnished residences in Scotland, has
been almost completely destroyed, while
three ladies have been burned to death.
Herbertshire Castle belonged to Mr.
Charles William Forbes, of Callendar,
Stirlingshire.

The fire was discovered shortly after
5 o'clock by Mrs. Forbes, but by then
the flames had already spread to the
top floor, where the principal bedrooms
were situated, and the means of escape
was completely cut off. Although al-
most overpowered by smoke, Mr. Forbes
succeeded in alarming the household, the
members of which made their way to the
roof of the turret, which stands about
40 ft. high. By the ringing of handbells
the inhabitants of the neighbouring
village of Denny were aroused, and
running to the assistance of the threat-
ened family with ladders and other ap-
paratus, they succeeded in rescuing Mr.
and Mrs. Forbes, their six children, and
the nurses.

All the servants succeeded in making
their escape by other means, but it was
discovered that three persons were still
missing. These were the Misses Clare
and Cynthia Graham, aged 16 and 14
respectively, daughters of Mr. James
Graham, of Arthurs Castle, and Drums-
burgh-gardens, Edinburgh, who were on
a short visit to Herbertshire Castle, and
Miss Littlejohn, daughter of the late Sir
Henry Littlejohn, of Edinburgh, who
acted as secretary to Mrs. Forbes. Their
apartments were situated on the upper
floors, where the fire was raging most
fiercely, and although the rescuers en-
deavored to reach them they were driven
back, and all three perished in the flames.
Miss Clare Graham would have celebrated
her 16th birthday on Sunday.

The Denny Vale paper mills fire
brigade and the brigades from Falkirk
and Glasgow were summoned, but the
flames spread with such rapidity that
although efforts were unavailing, and
little more than the charred and black-
ened walls were left standing. Much
valuable furniture and many valuable
paintings were destroyed, and the loss
is estimated at £12,000 to £15,000.

GRAVE CRISIS IN AUSTRIA.

Rome, Dec. 18.

According to reports which have reached
the Austrian frontier, whence they have
been retransmitted here, the situation in
the Dual Monarchy is already critical owing
to the defeat inflicted on it by the Serbians.
It is rendered more serious by internal
disorders which are especially rampant in
Vienna, Budapest, and Prague.

In Vienna a large crowd gathered in the
Ringstrasse and marched to the Ballplatz
to the War Office, uttering loud shouts of
protest against the way in which the war
is being carried on.

In Prague the demonstration assumed a
separatist character in the sense that the
Bohemians do not want their sons killed
for German and anti-Slav interests.

In Budapest the demonstration was more
violent, and assumed the character almost
of a riot. The Károlyi and Andrássy
streets were closed by the police. The
crowd shouted "Down with Potiorek!"
while attempting to reach the Ministry of
Defence in Budapest.—Daily News.

DO YOU COUGH?

DON'T overstrain the fine membrane of
your throat by trying to dislodge the
phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy
will accomplish this for you, and ease the
cough that is causing it. For sale by all
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BARGES, STEAM OR OIL LIGHTERS, LAUNCHES,
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SMART STEAM LAUNCH FOR SALE OR HIRE
SOLE AGENTS FOR KELVIN MOTORS.

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SANITARY BOARD OFFICE.
HONGKONG.

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 2 of the

DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND

VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended),

every Domestic Building or part of

such building within the CENTRAL

Division of the City of Victoria, and the

Western Division of Kowloon occupied

by Members of more than one family,

except those with a European Reser-

vation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road

or those parts of a Domestic building

used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must

be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED

THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the

months of December and January.

N.B.—The word "throughout" used in

this Notice means that the houses should be

limewashed in respect of all the Walls of

each Room, all Ceilings, Partitions, Stair

Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and

the Under-sides of Roofs in Main

Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters

and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing

Walls limewashed up to the level of the

First Floor.

Carpet, Painted or Polished Woodwork

in good condition, however, need not be

limewashed, but must be Cleaned.

The CENTRAL Division of the City

lies between Gilman Street and Road Street

on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly

Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern

and Western Divisions by Nathan Road

and a straight line drawn from the North

end, through the Yumati service reservoir

to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

Dated this 25th January, 1915.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS,

Secretary.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. Wm. YOUNGER & CO. LTD.

EDINBURGH.

Agents and Stock

THE CRAIGELACH GLENLIVET

DISTILLERY CO. LTD., GLASGOW.

Whisky.

MESSRS. A. & B. MACKAY, LTD.

GLASGOW.

Whisky.

WE HAVE TAKEN OVER the

AGENCIES of the above Com-

panies in Hongkong, and shall be glad

to submit prices and particulars on

application.

BRADLEY & CO. LTD.

4, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915.

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HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE.

THE COMMITTEE has decided that

the following shall be the SETTLE-

MENT days for the year 1915:—

THURSDAY January 28th.

FRIDAY February 26th.

FRIDAY March 26th.

WEDNESDAY April 28th.

FRIDAY May 28th.

FRIDAY June 25th.

WEDNESDAY July 28th.

FRIDAY August 27th.

TUESDAY September 28th.

WEDNESDAY October 27th.

FRIDAY November 26th.

WEDNESDAY December 22nd.

By Order of the Committee,

EDWARD RAYMOND.

Secretary.

Hongkong, Jan. 27, 1915.

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THE NATIONAL LOAN

of the

THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC

OF CHINA.

SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS

(\$16,000,000)

SUBSCRIBERS to the above LOAN

are hereby notified that, in accordance

with Article 7 of the Loan Regulations,

the full amount of Dollars Nine Hundred

and Sixty Thousand (\$900,000), being the

amount of interest on the loan for one

year, has been duly raised by the Ministry

of Finance and the Ministry of Com-

munications, and has been deposited by

the Undersigned in the following Foreign

WANTED.

WIRELESS OPERATOR for a Sea

Voyage.

Apply SHIPPIING.

Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.

Hongkong, Jan. 25, 1915.

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NOTICE.

THE EAST INDIA SEA & FIRE

INSURANCE CO.

WE HAVE taken over the AGENCY

of the above Company in Hongkong

and are now prepared to grant FIRE and

MARINE policies of Insurance at Current

Rates.

THE CHINA COMMERCIAL CO.,

3, Duddell Street.

Hongkong, January 18, 1915.

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NOTICE.

L'UNION FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY LTD. OF PARIS.

WE HAVE taken over the Agency of

the above Company formerly held

by Messrs. WILKINSON & Co. and are

prepared to ACCEPT RISKS from this

date.

CREDIT FONCIER

D'EXTREMEO-RIENT.

Price's Buildings.

Hongkong, January 21, 1915.

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NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE

INSURANCE CO.

IN WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LTD.,

and

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS

ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1913,

£23,632,155.

—Authorized Capital £5,000,000

Subscribed Capital £4,000,000

Paid up Capital £2,437,600

II—Fire Funds: £3,890,114

III—Life & Annuity Funds: £16,138,160

Sinking Fund Account £88,514

£22,561,288

Revenue Fire Branch: £567,158

" Life and Annuity Branches: 1,973,282

Revenue Marine Department: 282,692

Other Receipts: 430,198

£2,273,310

The Accumulative Funds of the various

Branches are separately invested, and, by

Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet

the claims under the respective Depart-

ments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO

Agents

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY,

LIMITED.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

1.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

STORE CARS.

8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m., 8.30 p.m. to 11.00

p.m. every half hour.

11.00 p.m. to 11.45 p.m. every quarter of

an hour.

SUNDAYS.

7.45 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.

10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.

11.30 a.m. to 12 Noon. Every 15 minutes.

12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

8.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.

9.00 p.m. to 9.10 p.m. Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the

Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS

Des Voeux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON

General Managers

IF you happen to be late your meals will

be cooked and served promptly

just the same. Only at the ALEXAN-

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Pumps empty Dock in 2-5-4 hours.

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100-Ton ELECTRIC CRANE ON QUAY—ELECTRIC OVERHEAD CRANES

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DIAMOND BRACELETS, RINGS, BROOCHES,
SILVER CUPS, TEA SETS, CIGARETTE CASES.

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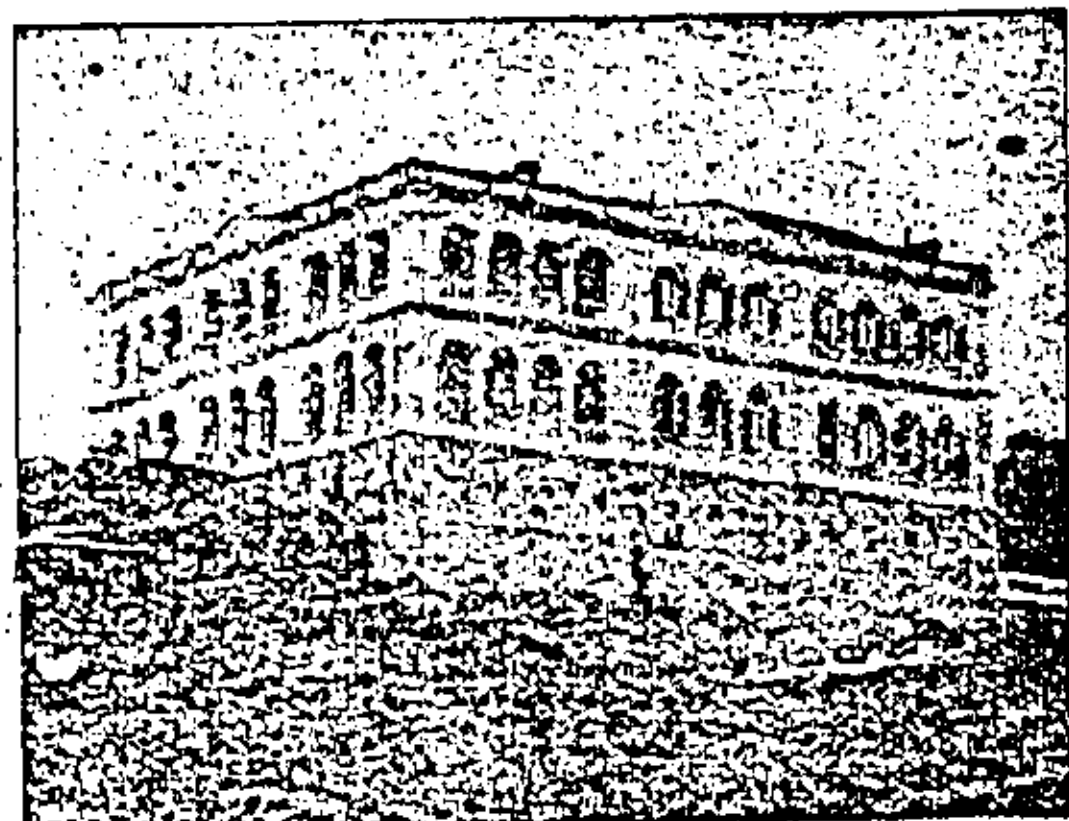
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SHIP CAPTAINS ARE REQUESTED TO GIVE US A TRIAL.
FRANCISCO TSE YAT, General Manager.
Hongkong, August 12, 1908.

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and Visitors guaranteed every comfort and an excellent cuisine. Best attention
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spirits exist still. We call them "Disease
Germs," and they also must be cast out. Once
lodged in the stomach or intestines, fever with
its hallucinations, or biliousness with its aches
and pains, is the result.ENO'S
FRUIT SALTis the approved remedy for driving out disease
germs. Its action is quick and thorough. It
clears the intestines, rouses the torpid liver to new
life, stimulates the mucous membrane to a healthy
action, and cleanses and invigorates the whole
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by removing the irritating cause.Be prepared for emergencies by always keeping
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K. KATO,
Manager,
No. 2, Pedder Street,
Hongkong.EMPLOYERS LIABILITY
ASSURANCE CORPORATION LTD.WE HAVE TAKEN OVER the
RENTAL of the above Corporation
formerly held by Messrs. James &
Co., and are prepared to accept RISKS
at Current Rates.W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
No. 16, Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, Jan. 28, 1915.

NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN desiring to leave the
Colony should apply in writing for
permission to do so to the Provost Marshal,
Head Quarters Office, at least 48 hours
before the intended hour of departure,
giving name, nationality, age, sex, height,
complexion and occupation of the applicant,
& stating the name of the steamer or
other vessel or the hour of the train by
which the applicant wishes to leave.
Applicants should apply in person for their
passages to the Provost Marshal at Head
Quarters Office between the hours of
10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

HONGKONG, January 20, 1915.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

FISH

We have received a New Shipment
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FINNISH HADDOCKS,
FILLET HADDOCKS
AND
KIPPERS.

FRENCH LESSONS

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HONGKONG, CANTON,
SHANGHAI AND
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Yuen TUN, Midland.

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Art of Cigarette MakingIn perfection is reached in Cairo
where Messrs. MASPERO FRERES
manufacture those two brands known asBouton Rouge
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Egyptian CigarettesMade of the choicest selected Turkish Tobacco under ideal
conditions, all the delicacy of the flavour is preserved and
every BOUTON ROUGE is a masterpiece of its kind.
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A Luxury to the Man of Taste

Sole Agents:
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London Office: 84, Strand.

SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

EDINBURGH, Dec. 24.

GOOD RECRUITING RETURNS.

The whole of Scotland has not yet been
covered by the circulars of the Recruiting
Committee. So far as the West of Scotland
is concerned, however, the replies are
distinctly satisfactory. A substantial
number of names of men willing and able
to enlist has been recorded, embracing
from districts which have hitherto not
been frequently tapped by the recruiting
agencies. A gratifying proportion
of the agricultural population. In the
industrial districts very many who are
willing to enlist are deterred from doing
so by the fact that they are employed in
urgent Government work or in the railway
service. One outstanding feature in the
returns is the revelation they give of the
splendid spirit of patriotism which animates
the women. If Lord Kitchener does not
get all the men he wants it will evidently
not be due to any deterring influence exer-
cised by wives or mothers. One after another
tells how all her men folk have gone to
the front, and expresses the regret that
she has not more to send. A widow, whose
only son has enlisted, says, "I am sorry he
is all I have to do their duty at this time
of need." Another lady, whose husband and
son have gone to the front, writes,
"I am proud to say I have 18 serving in
the country in my family." These who have
no men to give are sorry that they cannot
make the sacrifices that are demanded from
other women. A suffragist has a drastic
method for dealing with the fit men who
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charge of the investigation reported that
the energy producing power of porridge
exceeded that of any other food by about
15 per cent. The most numerous heap of
porridge more likely than the original to
carry favour with the gastronomic dainti-
ness of the Frenchmen.

STEVENSON PILLORIED.

Modern criticism is like warfare: de-
struction is the trade of both. It may
appear a trade, but fast-finding hardly
deserves a better name. The latest pro-
duct of the critic is talked at the Steven-
son tradition, and it has the merit of being
an honest if a perverse piece of work.It is no longer possible, writes Mr.
Frank Swinerton, "for a serious critic to
place him among the great writers, because
in no department of letters—except in the
boy's book and the short story—has he
written work of first-class importance. His
plays, his poems, his essays, his romances
—all are seen nowadays to be commonplace.
What remains to us, apart from a frag-
ment, a handful of tales, and two boy
books... is a series of fine scenes—
what I have called 'plums'—and the
charm of Stevenson's personality." Of
this charming personality Mr. Swinerton
writes, "It was obliged to take care of
himself to be honest at night, to allow him-
self to be looked after. Was that not the
greatest misfortune that could have befallen
him? Is the work that is produced by
nervous reaction from prudice ever likely
to enjoy an air of real vitality? In the
versatility of Stevenson we may observe
his restlessness, the nervous fluttering of
the mind which has no physical health to
nourish it." There seems very little charm
about it by Mr. Swinerton's version, and
his book, if it does contain a grain of truth
which after all is not much, will by its
standard of criticism and self contradiction
only confirm lovers of L. S. in their
devotion to the magic of his work.

MARRIAGES.

A marriage has been arranged, and will
take place early in the coming year,
between Lord Polwarth and Katherine
Grisell, youngest daughter of the late Hon.
John Dalziel, Cannon Residency of York
Cathedral.The ancient and historic Castle of
Hetherington, Denny, Stirlingshire, owned
by Mr. Charles W. Forbes of Callendar,
ladies lost their lives.The Wigtonshire Unionist Association
has nominated the Hon. Hugh Dalrymple,
an uncle of the Earl of Stair, as a candidate
for the representation of the constituency.
The Earl of Stair, who was member for the
county until he succeeded to the title, pre-
sents a promise in Germany. Captain
E. O. Stewart of Ardwell, a son of Sir
Mark Stewart, will be the Unionist pro-
spective candidate at the next election; at
present he is on active service. There will
be no opposition by the Liberal Association
in the interests of the present truce, which
in essence is the maintenance of the statu
quo ante bellum in all matters of domestic
politics, they have waived their right the
force a contest.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CASUALTIES.

Among those reported killed or died
of wounds are Captain the Hon. Henry
L. Bruce, Royal Scots, eldest son of Lord
Aberdare. Major Arthur Young, 1st
Gurkha Rifles, son of Colonel G. Young,
of Broomhill, Woodbridge, who also
served in the Gurkha Rifles. Lieutenant
A. Pirie, 1st Gordons, Aberdeen, who was
promoted from non-commissioned rank
earlier in the war for bravery. Lieuten-
ant Andrew Burt, 8th Royal Scots; he
was manager of the Elphinstone Colliery,
and his engineering experience was re-
cognised at the front in earlier life he
spent several years in the Far East.The wounded includes Captain D.
Macloed, Liverpool Scottish; brother of
the Scottish Rugby International three-
quarter backs, K. G. Macloed, of Cam-
bridge, a Lieutenant in the Gordons, and
the late L. M. Macloed.

MARRIAGES.

Rev. Thomas B. W. Niven, D.D.,
formerly of Pollockshields, ex-Moderator
of the Church of Scotland.

MARRIAGES.

At Dunallan, Eskbank, Robert Thomas
Hardie Doughty, Sumatra, youngest son
of the late William Doughty, Camelon,
to Annie Tait, daughter of the late John
Gray, and of Mrs. Gray, Elphinstone,
Dunfermline.The appointment of Sir Arthur Mac-
Mahon to succeed Lord Kitchener in
Egypt brings yet another eminent per-
sonage who began life as a soldier into that
important position. Lord Cromer was a
gunner when his talents for finance and
administration were discovered. Lord
Kitchener, a soldier, was a member of the
Army before going into the Indian Army
and the "political." Only Sir Eldon Gorst
represented the civilian.Nordhausen, which has decided to
plant an oak in memory of Hans Lode, the
son of one of the oldest towns in North
Germany, and in 1874 possessed a Royal
Palace. The upper portion of the town is
built on the slope of the mountain, and the
lower portion on the plain below, the two
parts being connected by flights of steps.
It is chiefly noted for its distilleries, where
come 10,000,000 gallons of "Korn
Schneapfen," annually, and it also has the
reputation of being the Clinkmann of Ger-
many, owing to the large quantities of pork,
cured beef, ham, and sausages it exports.COUGHING INTO
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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE WAR.

RUSSIA AND PEACE
OVERTURES.

A SNUB TO GERMANY.

FRENCH MINISTER OF MARINE VISITS
ENGLAND.

ROMANIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

GERMANS LOSE 20,000 MEN IN THREE DAYS.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 5.55 p.m.

A Paris communique states that according to the number of dead found on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at Ypres, La Bassée, Croisette, Argonne, Woëvre, and the Vosges, the enemy's losses were over 20,000.

A CAPTURED ZEPPELIN.

A Havas telegram states that a Zeppelin flew over Sibau, but was shot down by Russian artillery.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

Maj.-General Kelly has received the following telegram, dated Jan. 28, from the Chief of the General Staff, Delhi:—
All quiet on the Frontier and in India.

VISIT OF A FRENCH STATESMAN TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 4.10 p.m.

The French Minister of Marine, M. Auguste, who has just terminated a visit to London, authorised Reuter to state that he had an audience of the King and attended a series of conferences with Mr. Winston Churchill, in reference to the disposition and employment of the naval forces of the two countries. These conferences showed that the views of the two statesmen, in conformity and demonstrated the close solidarity of the two governments. M. Auguste also saw Mr. Asquith, Lord Haldane, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Curzon and Mr. Balfour, and also visited the Arsenal and Portsmouth Naval dockyard.

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

1,000 DEAD GERMANS LEFT ON THE FIELD.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 2.15 a.m.

The Paris evening communique states:—
The enemy attempted a coup de main last night in the Sunnart wood, in the district of Tracy-le-Val. After a sharp fusillade they exploded mines, wrecking our trenches on a front of 50 metres, but our artillery prevented the enemy establishing himself and the trenches have since been re-occupied.

West of Croonne the night has been quiet.
After a prolonged and intense bombardment by heavy guns, the German infantry attacked our front at Fleurbaix, Foulon Wood, but were everywhere repulsed with heavy loss except at La Crote, where a landslide, caused by heavy projectiles, blocked the entrance to a quarry employed to shelter two companies, which were caught.

The enemy, having thus gained a footing, crept into Foulon Wood and rendered untenable the adjoining trenches, which we evacuated. Our counter-attacks, which enabled us to recover a good part of the ground, were of the most brilliant character. The ardour of our troops was beyond praise.

The enemy's losses were the heaviest. They left a thousand corpses behind. The prisoners belong to four different regiments, which shows the importance of the attack.

Four German attacks at St. Hubert, Argonne, were vigorously repulsed.

Everything is quiet elsewhere.

AT THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

FIGHTING OVER A LARGE AREA.

LONDON, Jan. 28, 12.10 p.m.

A Petrograd communique states that fighting continues at Ladsenen, Malwischen, Newing and Insterburg.

The Germans resumed their repeated attacks at Borjomi, but all were repulsed.

Extensive fighting is proceeding in Galicia, and also along the entire front from Dukla Pass to Wyssok.

TURKS MARCHING AGAINST EGYPT.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

An Athens telegram reports that the ex-Minister, Djemal Pasha, has been appointed Generalissimo of the Egyptian campaign and that three Army Corps are marching against Egypt.

GERMANY DESIRES PEACE WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

The Russian Ambassador in London has authorised Reuter's Agency to announce, in reference to continued reports that Germany desires a separate peace with Russia, that there has not been, is not and can never be any question of Russia taking any steps apart from the Allies.

ROMANIA PREPARING FOR WAR.

British Loan to Rumania.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Arrangements have been made by the Bank of England to advance to Rumania £5,000,000 against Rumanian treasury bills.

A Rumanian Finance Commission has been in London some weeks.

(British Foreign Office Telegram.)

Y.C.'S FOR GALLANT INDIANS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Up to the present, two Indian soldiers have gained the Victoria Cross. The first, a Sepoy in the 129th Baluchis, was the sole survivor of a gallant machine-gun section which fought to the last and inflicted immense losses on the enemy. The second, of 39th Garwhalis, won distinction when a part of the British trenches were occupied by Germans. Traversing after traversing of the captured trenches was stormed. The heroic Sepoy was always first in the attack, although wounded, and he only fell when the trenches had been entirely taken. He has but lately recovered.

BY TELEGRAPH.

(British Foreign Office Telegram.)

TURKISH DEFEAT NEAR KORNIA.

The True Account.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

With regard to a recent statement in the German official war news, as coming from Constantinople, to the effect that the British offensive against Turkish troops near Kornia had been repulsed with heavy loss, the true account of these operations has now been received. A reconnaissance from Mezer discovered a Turkish force to the south of the Ratta canal. The Turks were driven across the canal with severe loss, and the British force shelled their dhows and camp, driving the enemy back in disorder. The British casualties were about 30.

WAR NEWS.

The supplement to a Petrograd newspaper reproduces a map of future Europe found in the wallet of a dead German officer. According to this map, only Cornwall and Devon will remain English, the rest of England being a German colony. Scotland and Ireland are marked as separate kingdoms. The German Empire extends from Havre to Kronstadt and Petrograd, excluding Holland and Denmark. Northern France is described as German Crown land and Poland as a kingdom allied to Germany. South-Western Russia is incorporated.

LIGHTS DOWN IN PARIS.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Paris: The police have ordered a general diminution of lights to be made possible, in order to save fuel.

CONTRABAND.

LONDON, Jan. 18.

Vancouver: The Japanese steamer Mexico and the American steamer Governor are detained on a charge that part of their cargoes is contraband.

THE VALIANT ALLIES.

LONDON, Jan. 17.

On the occasion of the Russian New Year, Lord Kitchener and Grand Duke Nicholas exchanged cordial telegrams wishing success to the valiant Allies.

SERBIAN'S GREAT HAUL.

The Rome journal Corriere della Sera learns from Nish that in the battle at Belgrade, the Austro-Hungarians lost 60,000 men killed and wounded. The full list of the captures made by the Serbians is as follows:—

80,000 prisoners.
3 flags.
124 guns.
50 mortars.
50 Maxim.
322 wagons laden with ammunition.
2,700 horses.
3 bands.
32 field kitchens.
After the evacuation of Belgrade the Serbians further captured:—
4 flags.
150 guns and Maxim.
1,200 horses.
150 provision wagons.
180,000 rifles.

17 BROTHERS IN THE ARMY.

A Wellington (Salop) correspondent telegraphs that a farm servant, named John Davies, who enlisted recently at the local recruiting department in the Army Service Corps, made the seventeenth brother in one family in the Army.

Two of his brothers are in Lord Kitchener's Army, two in the Welsh Fusiliers, and 12 in the King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

Fourteen of the family are on active service.
Sergeant Davies, the father, died in India when serving in the Shropshire Regiment, and the mother of the family lives near Church Stretton, Salop.

WATERY CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

In a letter, a private in the Second Coldstream says: There was no fraternising between us and the Germans at Christmas. We had a terrible fight from December 22 to Christmas night, following our capture of trenches. Finding it impossible to expel us with bombs they broke the great dyke on December 23 and tried to drown us. The water was four feet deep.
The Germans attacked us at night but after four hours they retired beaten. The only thing that worried us was the poor wounded who were drowned, as it was impossible to save them.
The third battalion on December 23 arrived and feverishly dug trenches and relieved us.

VANDALISM AT RHEIMS.

The French Ambassador communicates a memorandum on the bombardment of Rheims Cathedral in which the German allegations that the French used the cathedral for military purposes are categorically denied. On the contrary, the French pointed the Geneva flag and established a hospital there. It is further maintained that the Germans, when in possession of the town, used the cathedral lower for observation, and after evacuation subjected the cathedral to malicious and deliberate bombardment.
General von der Feltz, in Der Tag, admits the truth of the French allegation and promises similar treatment of any historical buildings of a kind which may hamper the German military designs.

CLAIM TO A RECORD.

There must be many Singaporeans, says the "Singapore Times," who remember Lieut. H. R. Thomas, of the Singapore and Hong Kong Battalion, R.O.C., who was stationed here for some time until he went home, over two years ago, to leave flying. They may, therefore, be interested to read a letter written by his father to the Overseas Mail, dated from Black River, Jamaica, W.I. Indies. With pardonable pride the latter writes:—
"I have all my five sons serving their King and country in this war, as follows:—
No. 1, H. R. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Hong Kong and Singapore Battalion of the Royal Garrison Artillery.
No. 2, F. H. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Royal Marine Light Infantry, Instructor of Musketry to the Fleet on the China Station, borne in H.M.S. Triumph.
No. 3, A. C. Thomas, Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery; was at Gibraltar on declaration of war, when, I believe, the Gibraltar garrison has been relieved by Territorials and sent to the front.
No. 4, R. P. Thomas, Lieutenant in the 129th Baluchistan Infantry, Indian Army; and
No. 5, G. M. Thomas, midshipman in H.M.S. Colowus, First Battle Squadron, North Sea Fleet.
All my boys are, like myself, Jamaica born. I am an inspector in the Jamaica Constabulary Force (we are liable for military service) of nearly thirty-eight years' standing.
I rather think that my contribution to the defence of the Empire constitutes a record for the Colonies."

JACK TAY'S LOT.

The following extract from a letter from a British naval officer is interesting. After referring to some warm clothing which was sent him, he says:—
"Those things would not be of much use for some of the weather we get. We were out a few nights ago and it was bitter and made worse by the sea continually washing over us. You can have oilskins and sea boots and all the rest of it on, but it gets through. The Admiralty are looking after us very well. We have extra clothing supplied which is very thick, also oilskins, a bonnet, gloves, mufflers, woolen helmets, a raincoat, overalls, made of blanket stuff and other things, so we are not so badly off. The great trouble is to get them dry. We are bound to get wet if the weather is bad, no matter how we wrap up. And it is always bad weather now. We can gather a bit from this what Jack-Tar is doing for us."

SOLDIER'S STORY.

Seventeen Explosions.

FASCINATING EXPERIENCE.

A story, remarkable for its clearness and wealth of detail, is told to a representative of The Daily Telegraph recently by Colour Sergeant Johnston, of the King's Royal Rifle, stationed at Sheerness, who arrived at King's-cross on Dec. 17 after a return to his parents, whose home is in Rothbury-street, Scarborough.
Colour-Sergeant Johnston, whose father is a retired police detective-inspector, was at Sheerness when the Bulwark was blown up. This is the story he told of the Scarborough bombardment:—
"I had breakfast with my people some-where about 7.30, and, having collected one or two parcels and wished them 'good-bye,' left the house shortly before eight o'clock. The morning was dull, rather hazy, you would call it—but for this time of the year not so dark as you would suppose. I had not left Rothbury-street more than a few minutes when I heard an explosion. At first I could scarcely believe that it was anything else but firing, as, but when there was another crash I realised that something out of the ordinary was happening. So I rushed back to our house, and, as I expected, found my father and mother in a serious state of nerves."

"They were not quite sure whether the noise, which was still going on, was thunder, and were in that frame of mind when they liked to think it was nothing worse. I knew it was not thunder, but I did not wish to alarm them. I told them that there was some firing at sea—sort of practice—but that it would be just as well if they sat tight. Then I left, and made my way to the railway station, for my leave was up and I was due back at Sheerness in the afternoon. I had not gone far when the fragments of a shell brought a chimney-pot toppling over in Barwick-street. Crash it came as I was walking along."

"The experience, though it led to my wondering what was really going to happen, did not scare me; for a reason, which I cannot explain it was a fascinating experience. I determined to take full stock of things. Bang, bang, bang! I heard the guns go, and I counted seventeen distinct explosions. At first I was not sure, but as far as I could make out the firing was out of range—that is, if the purpose was to damage the town for the rest must have fallen in the suburbs."

"The excitement, as you may suppose, was tremendous and, as it seemed, people came rushing from everywhere, making for what they hoped to be a place of safety. The majority of these were women of the working classes, and most of them rushed along the street with their hair disordered. Many of them had their children with them, and most of the little ones were crying; not a few were without shoes or stockings. They made for the railway station, and their condition forced home the reality of war as nothing else has done or could do. These people came from Sheerness and all the little places round about."

"I said it was shortly before eight o'clock that the first shot was fired. The flash of the explosives was quite distinct. Properly what damage was done I cannot, of course, say, for I was due to leave Scarborough at 8.30."

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Wah Tsi Yat Po's Service.)

JAPAN'S DEMANDS FROM CHINA.

PEKING, Jan. 28.

On account of the demands made by Japan, Luk Chung Yu, the Minister in Tokio, has been severely blamed by the Government.

A NEW MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Luk Ching Cheong has been appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs.

JOSS AS PLAINTIFF.

SUES ON A PROMISSORY NOTE.

The discovery was made in the Summary Court this morning that a Chinese joss known as Tak Lung had been joined as plaintiff in an action for the recovery of money lent to a Chinese.

When the case was called by the court bailiff a woman came forward and said she was the second plaintiff. The Justice asked where Tak Lung, the first plaintiff, was, and some amusement was called when the woman said that Tak Lung is the joss of the temple in which she is a priestess.

His Lordship (to Mr. Laywood, representing defendant): Apparently you gave the joss a promissory note!

The priestess explained through the interpreter that she is connected with a society, which collects subscriptions for the support of the worship of this particular joss, and having funds in hand the society lent out some of the money.

His Lordship remarked that he had never heard such a thing before. The woman was not tight in joining the joss as plaintiff, but Mr. Laywood must take no legal objection to the case and could not get costs except against the second plaintiff in the event of judgment being in his favour.

The same defendant admitted a claim of \$120 by the priestess and judgment was accordingly entered in her favour.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel A. Chapman, V.D.

JOINED.

The under-mentioned members having joined the Corps have been posted as follows:—
Sapper H. Wallace, C. Dickens, and D. McNeillie, to Engineer Company.

LEAVE.

Pte. F. Bevington to 25.15, Pte. G. Ho to 15.16, Pte. H. H. Bond to 31.16, Gr. H. E. Hollands to 27.0.15, and Pte. J. Hector to 25.1.16.

ENGINEER COMPANY AND RESERVE SECTION.
The following paragraph from (Herald) Orders by Colonel W. Baker Brown, Chief Engineer, China Command, is published for information:—

He also wishes specially to thank Capt. Russell and the N.C.O.'s, and men of the Hongkong Volunteer Engineer Co. and Volunteer Reserve, whose valuable assistance has enabled a considerable number of the Officers and men of the R.E. to be sent home to assist in the formation of the new armies.

PARADES.

Parades for Saturday, 30th inst., nil.

GUARDS—FIRST HALF FEBRUARY.

February 1, Centre Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 2, Civil Service Company; Feb. 3, Light Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 4, Scouts Company; Feb. 5, Scouts Company; Feb. 6, Scouts Company; Feb. 7, No. 2 Section Artillery; Feb. 8, No. 1 Section Artillery and Left Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 9, Centre Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 10, Civil Service Company; Feb. 11, Right Section M.G. Co.; Feb. 12, Scouts Company; Feb. 13, Scouts Company; Feb. 14, Scouts Company.

DETAILS.

Orderly Officer, Lieut. C. Smith.
Orderly Sergeant, Sergt. Hegarty.
To furnish Guard to-night, Scouts Company; to-morrow, No. 2 Section Artillery.

PRISONERS BADLY TREATED.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

The Russian Foreign Office has issued an appalling report on the subject of the ill-treatment of Russian subjects in Germany since the beginning of the war. A Russian Senator was stripped naked and thrown into prison with criminals, while crowds of Russian tourists were huddled in uncleaned cattle-trucks, stables and pigsties. Women and children, often ill, were hurried through the streets and many fell from exhaustion. Russians were often deprived of food and water for days, and on one occasion 60 Russians including 25 women, were allowed to leave railway carriages once in seventy hours. The ill-treatment caused a number of deaths and mental derangements.

RUSSIA'S STABILITY.

Trade and Industry Quite Prosperous.

LONDON, Jan. 16.

Petrograd: The Minister of Finance, in a statement accompanying the Russian budget, strikingly illustrates Russia's powers of recuperation. After the upset caused by the war, goods traffic on the railways and trade generally are gradually approaching normal. The famous fair at Nijni Novgorod showed satisfactory results, and the disturbances of the labour market is remarkably small, largely due to an increase in the productivity of workers due to the abolition of the sale of spirits, which is compensating for the loss of men called to the colours.

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